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AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER (AFFTC)

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This mission directive defines the mission of AFFTC and implements Air Force Policy Directive 10-1, *Mission Directives*. It does not apply to the Air National Guard or the US Air Force Reserve.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision contains minor word changes for clarification; deletes Attachment 1 organization charts and refers to the HQ AFMC/XPMO website for the current AFFTC organizational structures.

1. Mission. AFFTC is charged with supporting AFMC mission by conducting and supporting tests of both manned and unmanned aerospace vehicles. This mission involves not only all aspects of testing of air vehicles, but includes the flight evaluation and recovery of research vehicles, development testing of aerodynamic decelerators, and the operation of the US Air Force Test Pilot School. The center operates a fleet of test bed aircraft for early development and check out of new avionics and Advance Range Instrumentation Aircraft worldwide in support of a variety of space and missile tests. The center supports and participates in test and evaluation programs for the Air Force, other Department of Defense activities, other government agencies, as well as for contractors and foreign governments.

2. Command. AFFTC, Edwards AFB, California, is a direct reporting unit of the Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC). The AFFTC commander is designated the installation commander of Edwards AFB.

3. Organization Structure. The organization structures of AFFTC and its subordinate units are according to the Air Force Blueprint, AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*, and HQ AFMC/HQ USAF-approved variances to the structures. The approved Blueprint organization structure for AFFTC is at www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/organizations/HQ-AFMC/XP/XPM/xpmo/index.htm.

3.1. Organization Changes. Requests to change the organizational structures of the AFFTC and its subordinate organizations and units must be made according to AFI 38-101 and HQ AFMC/XP/XPM

policy guidance. Requests that require HQ AFMC/XP/XPM approval must be submitted through the AFFTC/XPM and approved by the AFFTC command section.

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